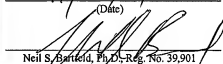


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed **July 21, 2009**, please consider the following
amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3
of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 on this paper.